

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

April 3, 1967
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney

MAYOR PALMER announced this was a Special Called Meeting of the Austin City Council for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the Austin City Council Election held April 1, 1967, and of the Charter Amendment Election.

Returns of each of the 48 precincts were canvassed. Minor errors were noted in Precincts 128, 234 and 237 as pertained to the Council Election only.

Tabulation by precinct as follows:

PRECINCT NUMBER	PLACE NO. 1 LONG	PLACE NO. 1 FAIREY	PLACE NO. 1 HODGES	PLACE NO. 2 LEWIS	PLACE NO. 2 NICHOLS	PLACE NO. 3 MITTAG	PLACE NO. 3 COLLINS	PLACE NO. 3 JANES
121	183	31	16	66	162	38	29	159
122	291	35	24	130	213	62	43	227
123	79	34	10	61	62	36	18	69
124	611	14	16	198	433	151	85	368
125	575	19	12	186	390	146	84	324
126	310	58	26	145	247	80	39	263
127	193	44	12	90	154	63	27	151
128	708	27	15	226	506	196	98	409
129	612	8	8	203	446	186	88	311
130	306	169	21	262	232	112	79	298
131	544	390	40	496	469	300	118	549
132	284	173	22	184	293	222	49	207
133	343	297	23	321	341	241	73	345
134	420	332	26	350	427	292	68	416
135	536	346	36	440	480	345	95	477
136	493	209	43	330	414	239	108	391

PRECINCT NUMBER	PLACE NO. 1			PLACE NO. 2		PLACE NO. 3		
	LONG	FAIREY	HODGES	LEWIS	NICHOLS	MITTAG	COLLINS	JANES
221	183	101	20	166	141	62	34	206
222	434	183	29	327	320	154	107	365
223	192	118	16	178	143	61	49	208
224	528	360	33	505	408	190	113	610
225	183	66	8	90	166	45	26	172
226	570	581	27	696	477	177	116	863
227	155	60	6	96	124	54	19	140
228	335	105	8	169	268	117	41	276
229	613	600	31	786	455	174	127	933
230	442	693	22	766	391	152	95	903
231	275	140	25	226	213	97	70	266
232	362	116	33	227	278	109	73	317
233	395	238	24	289	361	169	99	377
234	355	166	38	216	343	183	92	279
235	260	90	21	144	221	100	89	169
236	517	404	43	521	438	224	114	618
237	619	841	31	1046	404	231	99	1169
238	546	221	49	329	473	182	125	394
239	630	505	40	656	531	265	92	821
240	270	265	27	337	226	102	60	398
241	785	388	57	522	705	378	184	658
242	459	321	43	378	437	248	109	460
243	268	247	20	302	231	134	55	342
244	302	194	37	248	282	189	95	246
321	590	216	36	267	559	166	139	518
322	616	367	41	400	618	211	136	669
323	612	394	35	318	724	277	160	591
324	582	222	59	239	627	230	135	492
325	284	244	17	239	304	124	50	367
421	418	263	24	316	388	145	84	472
422	532	302	53	320	564	221	115	542
423	211	31	18	80	173	51	36	162
TOTAL	20011	11228	1321	15087	17262	7931	4039	19967

PRECINCT NUMBER	PLACE NO. 4			PLACE NO. 5			PROPOSITION		TOTAL
	GLOVER	ATKISON	AKIN	VAUGHN	LaRUE	GRONER	FOR	AGAINST	
121	16	85	126	18	185	23	105	32	238
122	36	90	208	38	261	41	126	60	350
123	8	46	70	8	103	12	80	24	125
124	181	41	418	47	473	85	277	52	673
125	209	34	347	62	413	98	228	41	619
126	36	211	132	36	301	46	138	56	408
127	14	94	141	18	204	25	92	51	251
128	203	34	514	70	555	94	404	84	766
129	159	18	440	87	421	95	256	56	656
130	11	200	282	45	433	18	315	108	498
131	35	444	493	83	863	25	593	224	976
132	27	204	249	71	387	17	310	86	481

PRECINCT NUMBER	PLACE NO. 4			PLACE NO. 5			PROPOSITION		TOTAL
	GLOVER	ATKISON	AKIN	VAUGHN	LaRUE	GRONER	FOR	AGAINST	
133	7	293	362	56	585	19	465	114	668
134	15	321	438	97	662	16	529	158	783
135	25	396	499	91	797	27	628	179	925
136	26	383	326	82	615	44	418	168	745
221	7	139	161	19	267	18	181	62	312
222	21	245	375	73	543	22	416	134	651
223	16	106	204	27	276	15	195	66	326
224	28	362	524	58	800	53	526	193	928
225	5	88	164	22	217	17	175	62	258
226	20	495	656	52	1026	40	757	276	1192
227	10	60	151	19	195	7	137	49	221
228	13	125	304	38	389	17	269	119	449
229	18	536	683	67	1137	36	770	262	1244
230	17	508	630	56	1051	38	739	269	1158
231	13	205	219	30	381	29	276	87	446
232	21	224	253	43	443	21	295	105	512
233	17	301	334	48	584	14	396	116	657
234	20	290	247	77	460	21	339	121	565
235	16	171	178	48	307	9	202	82	374
236	18	464	483	99	812	47	623	165	968
237	18	626	852	75	1337	96	1040	311	1531
238	52	328	422	126	631	45	510	177	829
239	17	572	597	104	1029	51	805	245	1198
240	4	270	286	50	488	22	365	107	563
241	33	573	620	158	1040	26	842	251	1245
242	20	377	423	105	681	31	602	137	827
243	8	252	273	57	453	23	379	91	536
244	11	272	246	65	454	12	305	131	535
321	34	413	387	79	721	32	401	162	846
322	22	591	413	92	891	38	523	225	1029
323	18	414	605	130	875	28	669	192	1042
324	23	458	367	87	736	37	556	173	871
325	7	335	203	38	485	16	338	110	545
421	10	393	298	53	629	20	457	143	710
422	19	480	387	68	786	28	552	199	898
423	15	68	172	30	187	33	90	49	264
TOTAL	1579	13635	17162	3002	27569	1627	19694	6374	32892

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, by virtue of an election held in the City of Austin, Texas, on the 1st day of April, 1967, for the purpose of electing five Councilmen, the official returns from the election officials and the canvass thereof by the City Council show that the following named persons severally received the total votes set opposite their names respectively, to wit:

Councilman, Place No. 1		
Mrs. Emma Long	Received	20,011
Tom Fairey	Received	11,228
Richard D. Hodges	Received	1,321
Councilman, Place No. 2		
Sale Lewis	Received	15,087
Dick Nichols	Received	17,262
Councilman, Place No. 3		
Otto Mittag	Received	7,931
M. Z. Collins	Received	4,039
Ralph Janes, Jr.	Received	19,967
Councilman, Place 4		
Jasper Glover	Received	1,579
Joe Atkison, Jr.	Received	13,635
Harry Akin	Received	17,162
Councilman, Place No. 5		
Richard (Dick) Vaughn	Received	3,002
Travis LaRue	Received	27,569
Jake Groner	Received	1,627; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Mrs. Emma Long received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman, Place No. 1; that Dick Nichols received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman, Place No. 2; that Ralph Janes, Jr. received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman, Place No. 3; that Harry Akin received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman, Place No. 4; and that Travis LaRue received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman, Place No. 5; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That in accordance with said returns, as received and canvassed, the following named persons are hereby declared duly elected and authorized to qualify for the position of Councilman for the City of Austin, for the term of two years beginning May 15, 1967:

Place No. 1 - Mrs. Emma Long
 Place No. 2 - Dick Nichols
 Place No. 3 - Ralph Janes, Jr.
 Place No. 4 - Harry Akin
 Place No. 5 - Travis LaRue

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
 Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
 Noes: None

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of February, 1967, an Ordinance was duly passed by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, giving notice of an election for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Austin, Texas, at an election to be held for such purpose a certain proposition for the amendment of the existing Charter of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with law, notice of the election for the submission of such proposition at such election was given by publication in the Austin American and Austin Statesman, newspapers of general circulation published in said City of Austin, which notice was published in said newspapers on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks on Monday March 13, 1967, and on Monday, March 20, 1967, the first of said publications being at least fourteen (14) days before the date set for said election; and,

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of the terms of the certain ordinance passed by the City Council, and approved by the Mayor of said City, on the 23rd day of February, 1967, an election was held in said City, according to law, on the 1st day of April, 1967, for the purpose of the adoption or rejection by the qualified voters of said City of said proposed amendments to the existing Charter of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, upon due consideration of said election it appears and it is found that due and legal notice thereof has been given, and further upon consideration of the returns of said election it appears and it is found that the votes cast at said election have been duly counted and the returns thereof legally made, and the City Council having counted and canvassed said returns, it appears therefrom that there were cast in said election twenty-six thousand sixty-eight (26,068) votes, of which number there were cast for and against each of said propositions proposing said amendments the following:

For the Proposition:	19,694
Against the Proposition:	6,374
Majority for the Proposition:	13,320

And it appearing to the City Council from the returns of said election, after the canvass thereof as tabulated and set out above, that a majority of the qualified voters at said election have voted in favor of said amendments to the City Charter of the City of Austin, Texas, therein contained, and that the proposition proposing said amendments were approved and adopted at said election; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. That the said proposition to adopt the amendments proposed at said election was sustained, and that at such election said amendments were approved and adopted by a majority of the qualified voters of said City voting at said election, and that the Charter amendments thereby became and are now hereby recognized and declared to be a part of the City Charter of the City of Austin, Texas, and it is so ordered.

2. That the Mayor and the City Manager be, and they are hereby directed, to certify to the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, an authenticated copy of said amendments, under the seal of the City of Austin, showing the approval of and adoption by the qualified voters at said election of said amendments and that the Secretary of State be requested to file and record the same in a separate book to be kept in his office for such purpose.

3. That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to record at length upon the records of the City of Austin, Texas, in a separate book to be kept for such purpose, the said amendments so adopted.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman Shanks read the following statement:

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"We have passed from the wonderful era of leadership that built this city into what it is today. I refer to the leadership given us by Mayor Tom Miller and Mayor Lester Palmer. We must recognize the simple fact that Mr. Dick Brown who owns the local newspaper made a successful power grab of the Austin City government, and now we will wait to see how this ambitious young man carries on-- whether he carries on in the fine tradition as exemplified by Mayor Miller and Mayor Palmer or whether he will view the affairs of the City as something to satisfy his personal ambitions.

"The real funny thing about this successful political power grab is that Mr. Brown, who holds himself out as a staunch conservative and Republican, accomplished this coup with Ralph Yarbrough extreme liberals under the leadership and direction of Mrs. Long.

"I wish Mr. Brown the best of luck in running our City through the power of his newspaper."

There being no further business, Councilman LaRue moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council adjourned about 12:00 noon subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Lester Palmer

Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Monroe

Asst. City Clerk